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EHV-1 Positive Horse Recuperates, Returns to Texas

LAKEWOOD, Colo. – The Colorado Department of Agriculture's State Veterinarian's Office has released all quarantine and hold orders associated with a horse that recently tested positive for Equine Herpesvirus (EHV-1).

The affected horse, a six year old gelding from Texas, is part of the team of quarter horses used during the National Western Stock Show rodeo to pull a stagecoach during rodeo performances. The horse began showing clinical signs January 27 and was transported to the Colorado State University Veterinary Teaching Hospital for diagnosis and treatment. The diagnosis of Equine Herpesvirus was confirmed January 28, 2013. The other horses from the team tested negative for EHV-1; subsequently, all quarantine and hold orders have been released.

The gelding was transported with special documentation and received directly back to his ranch of origin through collaboration with Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) officials. The TAHC will complete the observation and movement restrictions related to the affected gelding.

EHV-1 is not transmissible to people; it can be a serious disease of horses that can cause respiratory, neurologic disease and death. The most common way for EHV-1 to spread is by

direct horse-to-horse contact. The virus can also spread through the air, contaminated equipment, clothing and hands.

Additional Resources:

- [A Guide To Understanding the Neurologic Form of EHV Infection](#)
- [USDA Animal Plant Health Inspection Service Resources](#)
- [American Assoc. of Equine Practitioners Fact Sheet](#)

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